

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE  
WESTERN DISTRICT OF MISSOURI  
WESTERN DIVISION

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff,

Criminal Action No. 06-00255-01/02-CR-W-GAF

v.

JASON BRANCH, SR. and  
KAREN WEATHERS,

Defendants.

MEMORANDUM OF MATTERS DISCUSSED AND  
ACTION TAKEN AT PRETRIAL CONFERENCE

**PENDING CHARGE:** Using the name J.E. Capital Group, the defendants are alleged to have sold various investment products and loans. In connection with the solicitation of investors and the sale of these products, the defendants are charged with conspiracy to commit mail and wire fraud (Count 1); mail fraud (Counts 2-3); wire fraud (Counts 4-9) conspiracy to commit money laundering (Count 10) and money laundering (Counts 11-15)

The following matters were discussed and action taken during the pretrial conference:

**TRIAL COUNSEL:**

Government: Curt Bohling  
Case Agent: Special Agent Janet Lintner of the FBI  
Defense: Bruce Simon for defendant Jason Branch, Sr  
Travis Poindexter for defendant Karen Weathers

**OUTSTANDING MOTIONS:** None

**TRIAL WITNESSES:**

Government: 30-32 with stipulations; 30-35 without stipulations  
Defendant Branch: 1 witness, possibly the defendant  
Defendant Weathers: 6 witnesses, including defendant

**TRIAL EXHIBITS**

Government: 200 exhibits  
Defendant: 0 for defendant Branch; 15 for defendant Weathers

**DEFENSES:** Lack of specific intent and general denial

**POSSIBLE DISPOSITION:**

(X ) Definitely for trial;    ( ) Possibly for trial;    ( ) Likely a plea will be worked out

**TRIAL TIME: 8-9 days**

Government's case including jury selection: 6-7 days

Defendant Branch: ½ day or less if he testifies

Defendant Weathers: 1- 1 ½ days

**STIPULATIONS:** The parties are working on stipulations for 3 records custodians

**UNUSUAL QUESTIONS OF LAW:** None

**FILING DEADLINES:**

**Witness and Exhibit List**

Government: Friday before the pretrial conference

Defense: Friday before the pretrial conference

**Counsel are requested to list witnesses in alphabetical order on their witness list.**

**Exhibit Index, Voir Dire, Jury Instructions: Noon, Wednesday April 18, 2007**

**Please Note:** Jury instructions must comply with Local Rule 51.1

**Motion in Limine:** Defendant Karen M Weathers Motion In Limine, doc. #32 (Defendant seeks to exclude references to her convictions that are more than 10 years old.)

**TRIAL SETTING:** Criminal jury trial docket commencing April 23, 2007.

**IT IS SO ORDERED.**

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SARAH W. HAYS  
United States Magistrate Judge